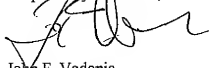


REMARKS

Claim 16 is cancelled hereby without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter to place the application in proper condition for appeal. Claims 1-15, 17-28 and 30-35 are pending in this application, where claims 1, 6, 13 and 24-26 are the independent claims.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John F. Vodopia', written over a horizontal line.

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